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SUBJECT: LABOR DEMONSTRATIONS CANCELLED

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1. A MASS DEMONSTRATION OF THE PRI (RULING POLITICAL PARTY) SCHEDULED FOR FEB 28 HAS BEEN CANCELLED AS HAS A SEPARATE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION ON THE SAME DAY BY THE RAFAEL GALVAN GROUP OF DISSIDENT ELECTRIC POWER WORKERS. THE LATTER GROUP, NOT TO BE UNDONE, HAVE RESCHEDULED THEIR DEMONSTRATION FOR MARCH 20, 1976, AND WILL PARADE FROM REPUBLIC PLAZA TO CONSTITUTION PLAZA (ZOCALO). MEANWHILE, THE OBJECT OF THE DISSIDENTS' PROTEST, THE INCUMBENT LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF ELECTRIC POWER WORKERS (SUTERM), HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ALSO HAVE AGREED NOT TO DEMONSTRATE. WHAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IS WHETHER THE PRI WILL AGAIN CALL OUT THEIR SUPPORTERS ON MARCH 20 TO COUNTER THE GALVAN GROUP'S THREAT TO MARCH WITH OR WITHOUT THE FEDERAL DISTRICT'S PERMISSION.

2. COMMENT: EVEN IF THE PRI DOES NOT CALL FOR A COUNTER DEMONSTRATION ON MARCH 20, THERE STILL REMAINS THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THE PROXIMITY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF MEXICAN WORKERS (CTM) HEADQUARTERS TO THE STARTING POINT OF THE DISSIDENTS' MARCH.

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